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Testimony of Laura Hale
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Support SB 210—Tax Credits—Employer Provider Commuter Benefits Expansion

Dear Chair Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe, and Honorable Members of the Budget and Taxation Committee,

Thank you for your hard work and diligent efforts to bring relief to Marylanders during these extraordinary times. The expansion of tax credits and employer provider commuter benefits expansion provide much needed relief to non-profits and as such the American Heart Association (AHA) supports SB 210.

Nonprofits (of all types and sizes) have dealt with many financial challenges over the past few years. We have had to pivot our workforce and our volunteers to continue our much-needed work in a telework fashion. Legislation such as SB 120 creates much needed relief as we continue to support our employees in the landscape of COVID-19 and follow public health recommendations for safety.

As we work to provide support and address needs in communities across Maryland, tax credits provide needed financial relief for the American Heart Association, so that we can dedicate our donor dollars to what is the most important: supporting the communities we serve. We urge a favorable report on SB 210.

Sincerely,

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